





## Vision and Values

We are the **CHANGE-MAKERS** of OUR WORLD!

ENJOYING, ENGAGING, EXCELLING

Happy, healthy children, **enjoying** learning for life - surrounded by kind, respectful relationships and **engaging** in rich learning experiences. **Together** we will enable and encourage **ALL** our children to discover their unique gifts of character, talents and abilities. Our children will enthusiastically contribute to society, **excelling** in all they choose to do. They will communicate confidently, listen openly, think critically and question respectfully – our children will be the responsible **Change-Makers of Our World**.

### LIVING OUR VALUES

**ENJOYMENT**

Laughing - Loving - Learning

**ENGAGEMENT**

Communicating - Collaborating - Contributing

**EXCELLENCE**

Be your best - Be even better - Be brilliant





## A message from Ms Storey

Gosh - it has been some last week! Huge thanks to our brilliant staff team for making this a truly memorable and magical time for all our children. We have celebrated in style - we were inspired by an superb Brass Band performing to us here in school on Monday; a great time was had altogether at The Hall for Cornwall and of course a special visitor landed in our hall today! I'm sure your children will tell you all about it...





## A message from Ms Storey

I have to say, the disco/movie night last night was really enjoyable for everyone! Our children were a delight - so kind, caring, supportive, polite and helpful - which meant everyone had a great time and highlights exactly why our children have been rightly recognised as Gold Rights Respecting! I loved seeing them all queuing up to get back into school - we will do this again!

Do enjoy our newsletter- there is much to celebrate. We have enjoyed all the visitors we have had to our school - with everyone saying they would love their own children to come here! Well done everyone - we have had a brilliant first term.

Wishing you all a peaceful, merry and safe Christmas break with friends and family. We will be ready to welcome everyone back on Monday, January 5th 2026!



## News from around the school - Carol Concert

What a magical evening!

Our children shone at our Christmas carol concert - we are all so proud of them!

A huge well done to everyone involved and thank you to our school community for coming along and enjoying the event with us.







## News from around the school - A visit from the High Sheriff of Cornwall

We were very excited to welcome a special visitor to our school earlier this month - the High Sheriff of Cornwall! He was blown away by our changemaking children and their positive attitude to learning.

He joined us as part of our day of celebration where we celebrated all things GOLD to commemorate becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School.

With golden clothes, golden music, golden snacks, golden lunches, golden coins and an extra special golden assembly, we showed him that St Day & Carharrack know how to celebrate!

He helped us to plant an oak tree that will grow and thrive in our school grounds - the aspiration we hold for all those who come here.

A special mention to Trev in Emerald Class who successfully guessed the age of a tree as part of a competition in the summer which started a chain of events that led to the visit!



## News from around the school - A festive musical treat from Cornwall Youth Brass Ensemble



In the last week of term, the whole school was treated to an inspirational visit from Cornwall Youth Brass Ensemble. The ensemble played well known sing-a-long festive tunes along with film scores and Cornish music. The musicians shared their history of playing their instruments, gave demonstrations and shared with the children where their playing had taken them from playing in community events, playing The Last Post on Remembrance Day to playing at the King's Birthday party! What an inspirational visit!



## News from around the school - Active Outdoors



This month in Active Outdoors, as well as the usual den building and minibeast identification fun, the children have been developing their safe tool use skills. They have learnt to safely use a bow saw and a drill to create some fantastic winter decorations.



## News from around the school- Opal Class



We have had a  
lovely time in Opal  
Class this Christmas!



## News from around the school- Opal Class



### Snack time in Opal Class!

Promoting healthy eating and how to look after our bodies.

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## News from around the school- Emerald Class



## News from around the school- Emerald Class



## News from around the school - Sapphire Class

We spent a week with PC Phil and Toby learning all about being safe, what a great experience! Now we are more aware of dangers in our local area and online, we know about lots of inspiring careers within the police force and different ways we can help our community.



## News from around the school - Sapphire Class



**Festive  
celebrations  
with Sapphire  
Class!**



## News from around the school - Turquoise Class



## News from around the school - Turquoise Class



## Active PE and Sport around the school

Our Active Playtimes continue to be a huge success - here is what our children have to say...



I love our new playtimes because I have always got someone to play with.



There is more to do, behaviour is better because we are not just chasing around.



If you don't feel too active, you can just chill out in the calm zone.

We like the energy, it makes us happy!

More sharing and taking turns.

I like the skipping, it is just fun and I skip with the older children.



I like that if you don't have the energy , you can use the building zone.



Happy children, happy life!

## Actively Belonging



## Active Events - Parent Engagement

Thank you parents - your attendance at all our events has been brilliant and it really makes a difference when your children see you here, with us all working together.

A big thank you to our very small handful of parents who have attended all school events - helping out on the day and behind the scenes - always helping to raise funds which goes back to our children. A massive thank you - it is greatly appreciated and supports staff to run more events. Our disco movie night was a great success thanks to this wonderful group of parents!

Please let us know if you have any great ideas or can help out anytime - thank you!



A massive well done to all running club members. We braved all sorts of weather and only had to move inside once - very robust children and adults! It was amazing to see so many parents join us over the last few weeks. The children certainly liked competing against their parents!

'I liked having dad there and trying to beat him -it was fun!'

'Dad encouraged me to keep going - it was great!'

## Active Events - Parent Engagement

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Christmas Jar Lantern Making workshop. It was wonderful to see children and adults working together, sharing ideas and getting creative. A big thank you to Mrs Brandreth for leading the workshop and modelling how to create the beautiful lanterns. The hall was filled with festive cheer and the finished jars looked fantastic





## Maths Fluency at school

'Every Child, Every Day - a Reader, a Writer and a Mathematician'

In partnership with the National Centre of Excellence in  
the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

In September, a new maths fluency scheme was launched across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Maths fluency is more than just memorisation. It is based in efficiency, accuracy and flexibility. Playing games together at home will support this!

**Efficiency and accuracy:**

This means being able to recall key facts quickly and accurately, such as times tables and number bonds to 20. This frees up mental energy for more complex problems.

**Flexibility and choice:**

It is the ability to choose the best method for a problem from a "toolkit" of strategies, and to move between different contexts and representations of mathematics (e.g., from a word problem to a diagram).

**Understanding and connections:**

It involves a deep understanding of "why" facts work, not just the "how". For example, understanding how  $5+3=8$  relates to  $8-5=3$  is key.

We will be sending home fluency ideas for you to try out at home - making maths real for your child in everything you do daily will boost confidence and support your child to enjoy, engage and excel in maths.





## Maths Fluency at home

- **Practice key facts:**

Spend a short amount of time each day practicing basic facts, like times tables or number bonds to 10, as this quickly leads to improved fluency.

- **Use different methods:**

Encourage your child to explain their method and listen to how they are thinking about the problem.

- **Make connections:**

Help your child see how different math ideas are connected. ( $6 \times 6$  is double  $3 \times 3$  or  $7 + 3$  is the same as  $3 + 7$ )

- **Use games and real-life situations:**

Play games to practise facts - playing cards is great for this! Involve your child in real-life math situations, like using fractions for a recipe, eating together - sharing food. We will be sending ideas out weekly to support you at home.

## Try this at home



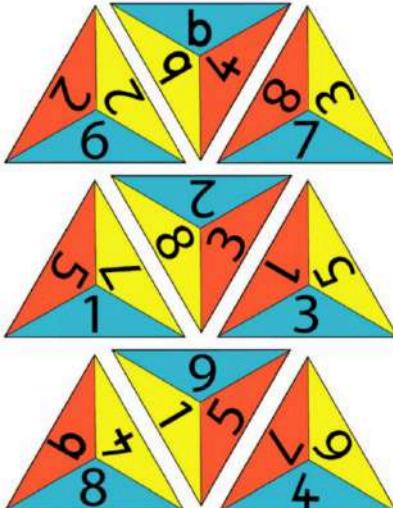
If you have ten counters numbered 1 to 10, how many can you put into pairs that add to 10?

Can you use them all?  
Say how you got your answer.

## Maths - Activities and Games

 **One Big Triangle**

Here are nine triangles. Each one has three numbers on it.



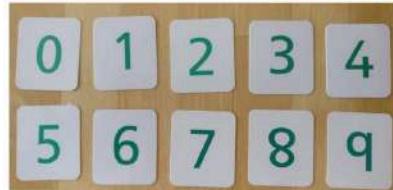
Your challenge is to arrange these triangles to make one big triangle, so the numbers that touch add up to 10.

Once you've finished making the big triangle, think about these questions:  
How did you get started?  
What did you do next?

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 **Sealed Solution**

Here is a set of ten cards, each showing one of the digits from 0 to 9:



The ten cards are divided up between five envelopes so that there are two cards in each envelope.

The sum of the two numbers inside it is written on each envelope:



What numbers could be inside the "8" envelope?

*Thank you to Alan Parr who inspired this task.*

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Please click the icon for a great KS2 problem-solving activity. Great for parents too.



[Light the Lights | ...](#)

## eSafety Updates

Meet Arms - a Digital Citizen who knows how important it is to balance your time online with time away from screens.

Check out the video for more information and some top tips from Arms!



## eSafety Updates

Tec Girls would like to invite you to their [First Phones Family Workshop](#) - held on 31st January 2026.

Download the PDF attached to this page for more information.

This event is open to all parents and will guide you through the experience of your child owning a phone for the first time. Follow the QR code or tap on the link below to sign up.

<https://www.tecgirls.co.uk/event-details/family-first-phone-workshop>



**TEC GIRLS**

# FIRST PHONES

## Family Workshop

SAT 31ST JAN 10:00 AM  
AT TRURO HIGH SCHOOL

Hands-on session to help families navigate using phones safely & confidently.

Curated conversations and workshops to cover:

- What are Parental controls and how do they work?
- Are “free” games and apps safe?
- Critical conversations about social media and AI
- What to do when things go wrong?
- Create a digital devices family agreement

SIGN UP BY  
CLICKING HERE  
OR SCAN THE  
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1. Register a new account
2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap LAOFR25

ON MOBILE? [CLICK HERE](#)

LANGUAGE ANGELS

Our language learning platform, Language Angels, has launched a fantastic app to help you continue your child's Spanish education at home.

Follow the instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and use the code to get a 95% discount on a yearly subscription!



[Glurbs Flyer \(Oct 20...](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS AND SUPER LEARNERS !



**Celebrating with Ms Storey**  
All our 'Stars' celebrate their  
achievements with a special  
break with Ms Storey

We celebrate all of our children each week in class. In our special celebration assembly, we praise the children who have made an extra special effort with their learning goals and living the 'Rights of the Child'. So many of our children display **ENJOYMENT, ENGAGEMENT and EXCELLENCE** in all aspects of school life - every day of every week. This term we are celebrating everyone for becoming a **GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL! WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND HOPE YOU ENJOYED ALL OUR GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS!**



Well done and thank you to Massen for representing the school at the Nine Lessons and Carols service at St Day Holy Trinity Church. Massen read with confidence and clarity and was a true ambassador for our Gold Rights Respecting School - living our values of Enjoyment, Engagement, Excellence!



What has Pav been up to?

## News from around the school - A visit from our local MP

It was a pleasure to welcome our local MP - Perran Moon - into school last week for a special assembly.

Pav, a gifted artist in Turquoise, won a county-wide competition to design Perran's 2025 Christmas card and we were all very excited to learn it is the image that will be on a card to the Prime Minister! Incredible.

Perran also had the honour of presenting our Rights Respecters with their well earned GOLD banner to be hung with pride outside school.

We even managed to fit in a raffle draw so we had lots of excited children in the hall - what a fabulous, joyful assembly!



## Celebrating Attendance

Be an attendance HERO - aim for 96% and above!

A super well done to Sapphire Class for achieving the highest attendance this month!



Opal - Yr R/1 - 94%  
Emerald - Yr 2/3 - 93%  
Sapphire - Yr 4/5 - 97%  
Turquoise - Yr 5/6 - 96%

**Whole School 95%**

Well done everyone - there has been a lot of illness flying around requiring time away - for staff and children. We hope everyone is well over Christmas.



## School Office Reminders

### Return to School - Monday 5th January 2026

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break.

The spring term begins on **Monday 5th January 2026**. Gates open from 8.30am.

Looking forward to seeing you all then!



### Important Upcoming Dates

#### January 2026

- 5th Term starts for pupils
- 12th New clubs start
- 15th CENSUS DAY special menu
- 16th Online Safety - Parent workshop hosted by Common Sense Media
- 20th SEN Review Parent Meetings

#### February 2026

- 2nd Last week of clubs
- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th Safer Internet Day
- 11th Parent Partnership Meetings
- 12th Parent Partnership Meetings
- 13th Break up for half term
- 23rd Term starts for pupils

## Brass Lessons - From Year 3 and upwards.

This week your child's school hosted a Christmas performance from the Cornwall Youth Brass Ensemble, where we played a few Christmas tunes such as Carol of the Bells and Santa Tell Me, alongside popular tunes like the Avengers Theme and Knights of Cydonia.

I believe that all of the children enjoyed the performance, and we certainly did too!

If your child has been inspired to start brass lessons please see the attached flyer. You can head to [www.cmst.co.uk/learnmore](http://www.cmst.co.uk/learnmore) for all the information you need, or [www.cmst.co.uk/signup](http://www.cmst.co.uk/signup) to get starting signing up straight away!

If you put the code "CYBE" in the comment field when signing up you will be entered into a random draw. The person whose name is drawn will receive one term of free lessons!

I hope your child has been inspired and I hope you have a peaceful – and brassy – Christmas!



The image is a promotional flyer for CMST brass lessons. At the top right is the logo for St Day & Carharrack Primary School. The main heading is "GREAT NEWS!" in large, bold, white letters. Below it, a yellow circle contains the text: "Your child has shown an interest in learning a Brass instrument, lessons will be provided by CMST." To the right of the circle is a photograph of a person playing a brass instrument. To the right of the photo is a QR code with the text "Scan Me" above it. Below the photo, a blue brushstroke shape contains the text: "Hear Music. Learn Music. Play Music." To the right of this shape is another blue brushstroke shape containing the text: "For more information head to: [CMST.co.uk/learnmore](http://CMST.co.uk/learnmore)". At the bottom right is the CMST logo with the tagline "ILOW RAG OLL". At the bottom left, a white brushstroke shape contains the text: "Sign Up at: [CMST.co.uk/signup](http://CMST.co.uk/signup)".



## Safeguarding Information

### Safeguarding Concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Susannah Storey
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Beth Popperwell
Safeguarding Governor	Sally Miners

**01209 820456**

#### Raise a concern about a child

If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety please know that anyone, anytime, can telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.

## Local Activities

Our fantastic School Choir will be performing at 4.30pm. Please note that parents need to accompany and stay with their child for this performance as they will then join you for the rest of your evening.





**CHRISTMAS 2025**

**Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:**

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Meet time is 1000  
Bike check optional  
For all ages & abilities

Rides are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays between 22nd Dec and 2nd Jan

Scan here to book!

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)  
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk

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# HOLIDAY DANCE DAYS!

**Book now!**

**SCAN ME**



**Includes...**

- A large range of dance classes
- Workshops and wellbeing sessions
- Lunch and Breakfast
- 09:00–16:00
- Based in bespoke dance studios

**Dates...**

Monday 29th December : K-PoP Day  
Tuesday 30th December: Swift Day  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Snow Queen Day

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07515129358

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**GWEALAN TOPS**  
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**2026 opening**

**Adventure Playground**  
**Wednesday – Friday**  
3:15pm-5.30pm  
**Saturday** 12:pm-4pm

**Feb Half Term**  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Youth Club (13+)**  
**Friday** 5:30pm-7pm

**CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED**

**FREE ENTRY**  
**GWEALAN TOPS**  
School Lane  
Redruth  
TR15 2ER

**AGES 7+**

01209 697 717  
[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)



**Festive Bounce Park**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

08:30-10:00 Toddler Bounce  
10:15-11:45 SEN & Sibling \*  
12:00-13:30 General Bounce  
13:45- 15:15 General Bounce  
15:30-17:00 General Bounce  
17:15-18:45 General Bounce



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[www.sirbenainsliessportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliessportscentre.com)

## Local Activities



**HELSTON RAILWAY**

# *Christmas Trains*

**Santa Train Dates (December 2025)**  
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

**Santa Train Times**  
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

**Train of Light Time**  
17:30

**Ticket Prices**

Adult £10
Child £11.50
Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include present from Santa!

visit [www.helstonrailway.co.uk](http://www.helstonrailway.co.uk)



**JOIN THE ST DAY AFC FAMILY**

## **YOUTH TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS WANTED**



**ST DAY YOUTH AFC IS A WELL ESTABLISHED CLUB  
WITH AN EVER-GROWING YOUTH SECTION FOR  
BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEER  
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UNDER 10 GIRLS TEAM. CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 4  
AND 5**

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE E MAIL  
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## Local Activities



**Local Activities**

**WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.**

**AGES 6-18**

MUSICAL THEATRE. COMEDY AND DRAMA. FILM & TV.

**PAULINE QUIRKE ACADEMY**  
OF PERFORMING ARTS

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

**PQA PENRYN & FALMOUTH**  
Penryn College, TR10 8PZ

TRY A FULL SESSION FOR FREE!

**BE READY FOR ACTION**

From musical theatre, to comedy, drama and filmmaking - PQA's project-based approach encourages learning by doing. In our classes, young people get hands on, creating their own content and learning industry skills, while having a blast!

**BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING**

At PQA, we build self-belief by encouraging young people to step out of their comfort zones, develop new skills, and be their amazing selves, in a supportive environment. Through experiencing all that the performing arts has to offer, young people can grow into grounded, confident adults.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Classes for ages 6-18 are 3 hours long, with industry-expert teachers leading sessions in musical theatre, film and TV, comedy, and drama. Students aged 4-6 take part in our 90 minutes Puppets class. Best of all, we offer everyone a free session!

**PQA PENRYN & FALMOUTH**  
Penryn College, TR10 8PZ

**BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION**



[pqacademy.com](http://pqacademy.com)

## Wraparound Care

### Child-Care Club

£3.50  
per  
session

From 8am  
every day

Breakfast  
Included

Book on  
ParentPay

More information  
on the school  
website or from  
the school office

Games  
and  
Crafts

### Afterschool Wraparound Care

Prices  
start  
from £5

From the end of  
the school day  
until 4.30pm /  
5pm or 6pm

Healthy  
Snack and  
Drink  
Included







Thank you  
for taking the time to read or listen to our news.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Susannah Storey  
and  
The St Day and Carharrack Team

